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The Effect of Diesel Particle Filters and Selective Catalytic Reduction - A Predictive Framework for Ultrafine Particle Formation, Toxicity and Chemical Composition

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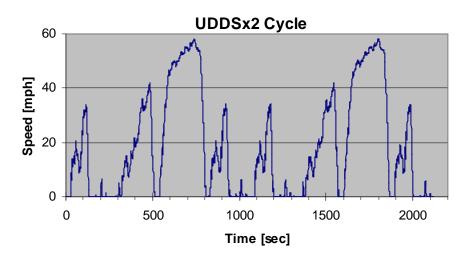
Experimental Setup

CARB Heavy duty Diesel Emissions Test Laboratory

- Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (6ppm)
- •CVS Dilution Tunnel
- •Real time particle measurements: EEPS, DMS500, SMPS, CPC's, DC, PAS

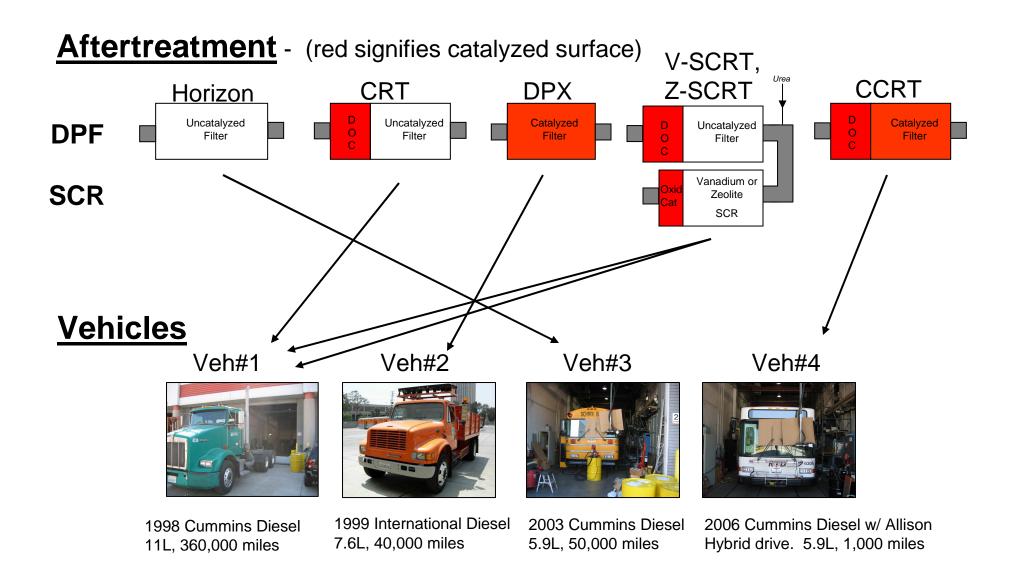
•Cycles:

Cruise at 50mph, UDDSx2, Idle



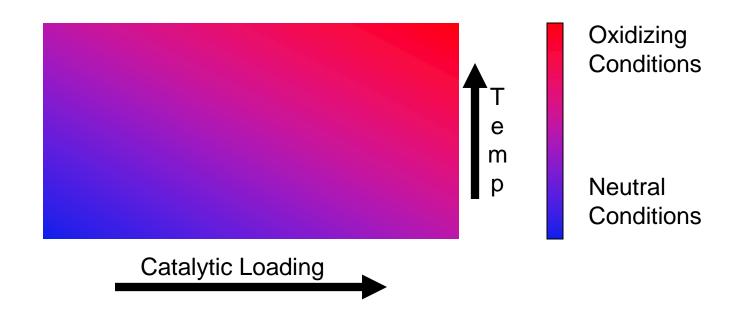


Test Matrix 4 vehicles, 6 configurations + Baseline



Aftertreatment as Chemical Reactors

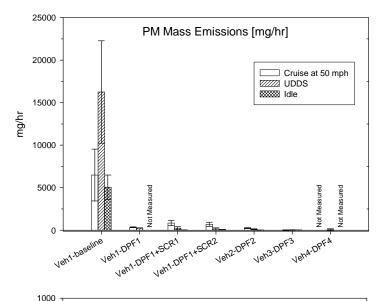
A Predictive Framework - Redox Chemistry



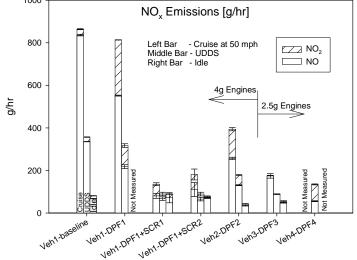
Oxidation of Diesel Exhaust

• Organics (OC, THC, PAHs)
$$\downarrow$$
 •NO $_2$ /NO $_x$ •SO $_2 o SO_3 o$ nucleation

Aftertreatment <u>Significantly</u> Reduces PM and NO_x



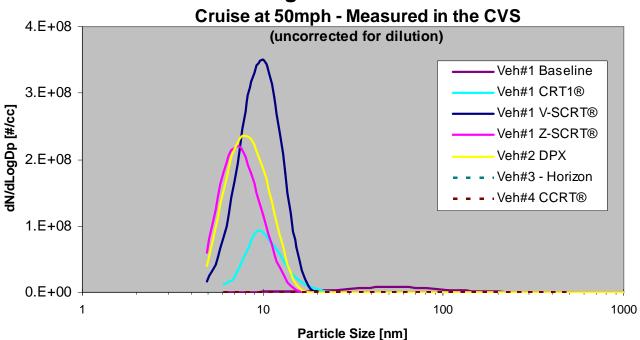
PM Mass Reductions of 95%+
(not temperature or cycle dependent)



<u>NO_x Reductions of 75%+</u> (dependent on temperature, i.e. duty cycle)

Nucleation





- $SO_2 \rightarrow SO_3 \rightarrow Nucleation$ (water or ammonia)
- Storage

Accumulation mode seen in: Veh#1 Baseline

Nucleation mode seen in:

Veh#1 CRT

Veh#1 V-SCRT Veh#1 Z-SCRT

Veh#2 DPX

No nucleation mode in

Veh#1 Baseline

Veh#3 Horizon

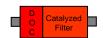


Uncatalyzed

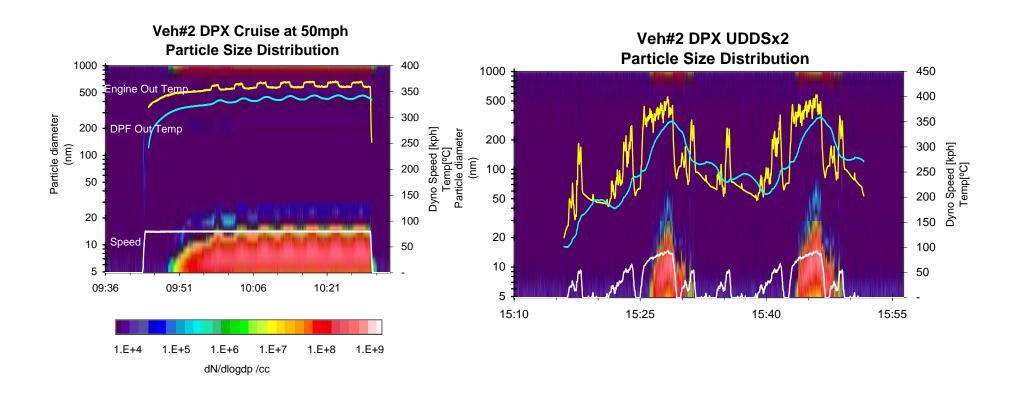
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SCR

Veh#4 CCRT

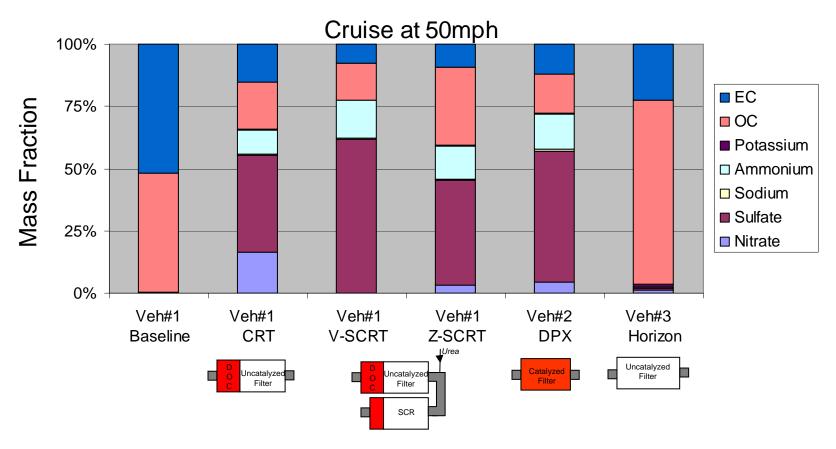


Nucleation



Nucleation occurs when a <u>threshold</u> temperature has been reached leading to sulfation

Chemical Composition of PM



- Baseline PM 50% OC 50% EC
- •Nucleating Aftertreatment Majority Ions such as Sulfate and Ammonium
- •Non Nucleating Aftertreatment Still mostly OC with some EC •(DPF preferentially filters EC)

IN VITRO TEST FOR THE TOXICITY OF PARTICULATE MATTER

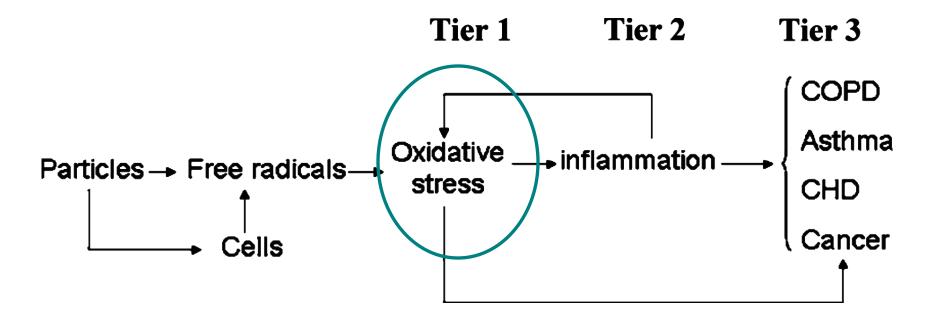
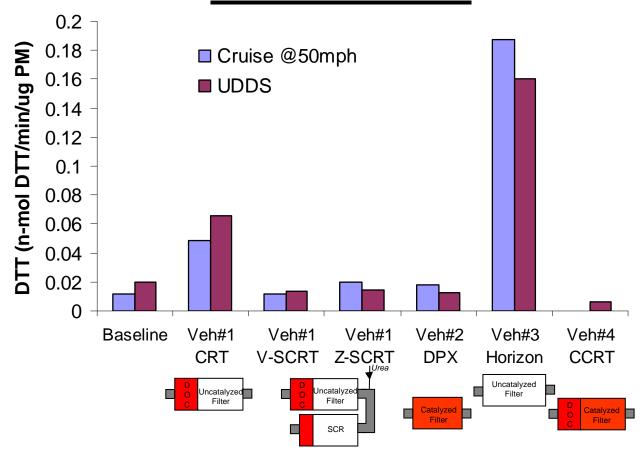


FIG. 1. Schematic of disease induction pathway from particle exposure. (Ref: J. G. AYRES ET AL. Inhalation Toxicology, 20:75–99, 2008)

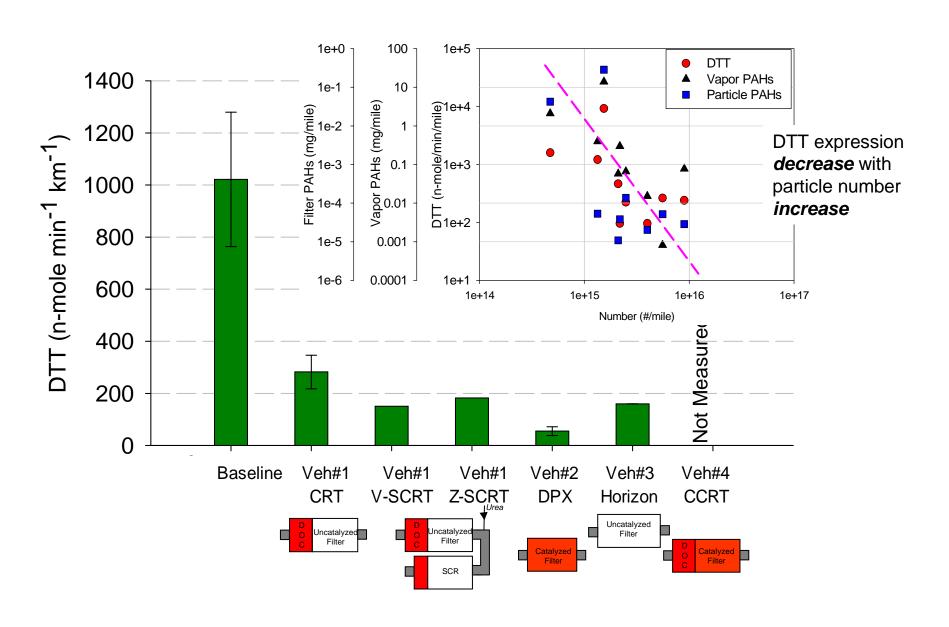
- Measurement of Oxidative Stress Potential
 - in vitro toxicity test
 - Acellular systems (DTT) / Cellular systems (macrophage cell, DCFH-DA)

OXIDATIVE STRESS POTENTIAL OF TOTAL PM PER PM MASS



- •DTT highly correlated with water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC)*
- •Uncatalyzed filters better at filtering EC than WSOC
- •Catalyzed aftertreatment reduces WSOC

OXIDATIVE STRESS POTENTIAL OF TOTAL PM <u>PER</u> <u>DISTANCE DRIVEN</u> IS REDUCED BY ALL HD RETROFITS



Conclusions

- The decrease of diesel PM and NO_x with the advent of DPFs and SCR will greatly improve air quality in California.
- Secondary effects of diesel aftertreatment are becoming better understood:
 - Oxidation of exhaust is a function of catalytic loading and exhaust temp.
 - As NO₂/NO_x and particle number increase, organics (THC, PAH's, WSOC,

Redox Chemistry in Diesel Aftertreatment

Strong Oxidation

Slight Oxidation

Temp

Lower NO₂:NO_x ratio Little effect on CO and THC No oxidation of SO₂ to SO₃

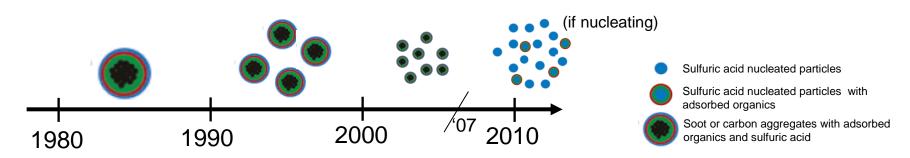
Reduction

Slight effect

etc), CO and DTT expression decrease.

Not all Ultrafine particles are the same

- Nucleation mode particles, when present, post aftertreatment are morphologically, chemically and toxicologically different from traditional diesel exhaust particles.



Next Steps

- Effect of toxicity in other assays forthcoming
- Current study based on passive retrofit or pre-2010 technology.
- It will be important to test 2010 OEM technology, as effect may be different from what is described here.

Thank you